

Universal Preschool Implementation Work Group Meeting Agenda

September 18, 2008
6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Lobby Auditorium
Executive Office Building
101 Monroe Street
Rockville, Maryland

I. Announcements

(Kate Garvey)

Public Forum, October 15, 6-8:30 p.m.

II. Training & Professional Development Background

Orientation to MSDE Standards for Implementing
Quality Child Care

(Janine Bacquie)

Overview of Credentialed providers, Accredited Programs, Education Levels
And Quality Initiatives

(Kate Garvey)

III. Providers Training Panel & Questions

Jennifer Arnaiz, Montgomery County Child Care Resource and Referral Center
Chris Giovinazzo, Montgomery Child Care Association
Pilar Torres, Centro Familia

IV. Break

V. Work Group Discussion

- What are the professional development needs of the different types of child care programs and their staff? What challenges exist for providers with limited English language skills, providers serving predominantly low income children, or providers serving students with special needs?
- Does the current system capacity for training meet the needs of County providers who operate at all levels of education, experience and type of

program? If not, what are identified shortfalls? What considerations need to be addressed in providing professional development opportunities to County providers (e.g., language support, affordability, accessible classes, etc.)? How can the current system be expanded or enhanced to meet the needs of providers when Preschool for All is implemented?

- What standards, program resources, and opportunities, will be needed in order to provide for training for providers in the Preschool for All System, and the larger child care community?

VI. Meeting Evaluation

(Janine Bacquie)

VII. Adjournment

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